Conversion of paddy lands into garden lands.

252. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have caused any nquiry to be made into the causes of conversion of paddy lands into garden lands by the ryots?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does it occur to Government that this question deserves investigation by them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, they have done it in respect of Kandukrishi lands.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I am not concerned with that. The answer is in the negative. Did it occur to Government that it is necessary to investigate the causes of people converting paddy lands into garden lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no occasion for it.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Do the Government consider that it is necessary to investigate the causes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is necessary; it is a very important question.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Are they likely to conduct an enquiry?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider that.

Measures to prevent Strikes and Lock-outs.

253. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware of the labour strikes in some of the factories at Quilon and Alleppey during 1928-29?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether they are taking any steps to provide the necessary machinery for dealing with labour disputes, before such disputes result in strikes and lock-outs?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Opening of certain roads in North Travancore.

254. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action they have taken or propose to take in respect of the following works:—

(*a*) the conversion of the Airur-Turuttipuram village road (Puttenvelikara village road);

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(*b*) the construction of a cart road joining Tatikkakadavu with the Ankamali-Manjali road at Airur;

(*c*) the construction of a cart road from the 7th mile of the Alwaye-Perumbavur road to the Christian Mahilalayam Girls' High School *via* the grazing ground; and

(*d*) the construction of a cart road from a point on the M. C. road south of the Karukutti railway station to Airur *via* Moozhikulam to meet the Ankamali-Manjali road at Airur?

MR. T. P. RMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Administrative sanction to the works has been accorded and provision made in the Preliminary Budget for 1105 (*Vide* items 78, 85 and 79 of Part II, Appendix B). Actual construction of the road mentioned in part (*b*) will be taken up only after the lands required for the road are handed over free.

(*d*) This has been referred to the Chief Engineer.

Insufficiency of accommodation for in-patients in the District Hospital, Parur.

255. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by them from the public or from Government officers as to the utter inadequacy of accommodation for in-patients in the District Hospital, Parur; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action to remedy this want or propose to take any action in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Condition of roads in the Trivandrum Town.

256. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Are the Government aware, that many of the roads in the town of Trivandrum are in a highly damaged condition and cause great inconvenience to passengers especially in the rainy season?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the roads in the Trivandrum town which the Chief Engineer, the Division Officer and the Sub-Division Officers inspected during the late rains and the dates of each such inspection;

(*b*) the roads, if any, that were found to require immediate repair;

(*c*) the roads, if any, that were consequently repaired and the nature of the repairs effected; and

(*d*) the roads in the town that require special attention in the rainy season?

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